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March 19, 2012

S.B. 2506, S.D.2
RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports Senate Bill 2506, Senate Draft 2. This bill would consolidate the driver's license and civil identification programs for the State of Hawaii under the Director of Transportation which will provide convenience in obtaining a State Identification Card.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2506, S.D. 2, RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Monday, March 19, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 309

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Laureen Uwaine, Acting Administrator, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center

Chair Souki and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General strongly supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to transfer the non-driver's, or civil, identification program from the Department of the Attorney General to the Department of Transportation, and requires non-drivers' identification cards to be issued by the examiners of drivers in each county. This will benefit the citizens of Hawaii both from a local perspective in having more locations where they may obtain a State ID card, and from a national perspective in enabling a more coordinated effort in implementing the provisions of the REAL ID Act of 2005, which sets forth the documentation required and procedures to be followed in issuing drivers' licenses and non-drivers' identification cards.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.

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March 18, 2012

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 426
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 2506 SD2, Relating to Civil Identification

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to S.B. No. 2506 SD2 which transfers the responsibility of issuing state identification cards to the county driver licensing offices.

We request a minor technical amendment to Section 286-F(c) on pages 9: "(c) The examiner of drivers shall cancel an identification card upon determining that the identification card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or altered. The examiner also shall cancel ~~[any]~~ a READ ID compliant identification card that is surrendered to the examiner after the cardholder has obtained a duplicate or replacement READ ID compliant identification card or if a REAL ID compliant ~~[driver's or commercial]~~ driver's license ~~[if a REAL ID compliant identification card]~~ has been previously issued." This amendment is necessary to be in compliance with the federal requirement that only one REAL ID compliant credential (driver license or identification card) may be issued to an individual.

Since the required documents and processing procedures for issuance of a driver's license and a state identification card is similar, the transition should not be difficult to implement. However, the lines at the driver licensing offices will be longer with the corresponding increase in waiting time by the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura
Licensing Administrator